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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 245

Offered March 6, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Captain Paul F. Hollandsworth, Jr., USN, Ret.*

Patrons—DeSteph, Deeds, Howell, Reeves and Wagner; Delegates: Leftwich and Stolle

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Captain Paul F. Hollandsworth, Jr., USN, Ret., a decorated naval aviator who served and supported his fellow veterans and made many contributions to the Virginia Beach community, died on July 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hollandsworth joined the United States Navy in 1954 and went on to serve two tours in combat during the Vietnam War, piloting the A-4 Skyhawk with VA-76; and

WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1966, Paul Hollandsworth served on the *USS Enterprise* and completed 146 missions, and in 1967, he served on the *USS Bon Homme Richard*, completing 116 missions; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hollandsworth then served as commanding officer of VA-65 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach and VX-5 at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 32-year career, Paul Hollandsworth logged more than 719 fixed-wing carrier landings and 6,618 flight hours in the A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, A-7 Corsair, and F-18 Hornet; he earned the Silver Star Medal, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, and three Navy Commendation Medals with the Combat V; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Paul Hollandsworth supported his fellow veterans as a member of the Golden Eagles and the Association of Naval Aviation and as president of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hollandsworth was also an active volunteer at the Republican Party of Virginia Beach and, as coordinator of the Ride to Polls program, he recruited volunteer drivers to help ensure that members of the community were able to cast their vote on election days; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Holly," Paul Hollandsworth will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Shirley; his children, Tracy and Eric, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Captain Paul F. Hollandsworth, Jr., USN, Ret., a distinguished veteran and a patriotic member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Captain Paul F. Hollandsworth, Jr., USN, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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